

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

With the passage of this general appropriations act and other measures, most notably those relating to the financing of public school education, the financing of public mass transportation, and the strengthening of planning for post-secondary educational needs, the Sixty-fourth Legislature must be credited with having had a most productive legislative session. I commend the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all members of the Legislature who devoted many hours of hard work to the development and passage of this legislation. The benefits of this legislation should be felt for many years to come.

The consideration and determination of appropriations for the biennium beginning September 1, 1975, were made even more difficult than in former times because of an unprecedented rate of growth in the cost of living that has drastically eroded the purchasing power of the State dollar. This erosion in purchasing power, however, has not been felt by State government alone. Each and every wage earner in Texas has been similarly affected by these increases in the cost of living.

I am particularly pleased that the general appropriations bill does not require the imposition of the additional burden of new or increased taxes on the taxpayer. Again, I can say that my pledge not to increase taxes has been fulfilled. However, the Governor's powers to direct and control State spending are limited by present Constitutional constraints. The authority to reduce items of appropriation and to properly administer the expenditure of State funds in the periods between legislative sessions should be granted to the Governor. With such authority, there would be less dependence on contingency appropriations, many of which are included in this bill, and State government could be more responsive to constantly changing needs.

The general appropriations bill provides a biennial all funds appropriation level of \$12.1 billion, which represents a \$1.7 billion increase over the current level of expenditure. Biennial appropriations from general revenue and federal revenue sharing funds total \$3.6 billion, an increase of \$1.2 billion over the 1974-1975 biennial spending level.

The level of appropriations authorized by this bill for the 1976-1977 biennium exceeds the level I prefer, and this continued rapid growth of State government concerns me immensely. However, I might point out that for the first time since World War II, State government has been financed for four consecutive years without requiring the burden of new or increased taxes. With continued prudent management of the State dollar, I am very optimistic that the current trend of financing State government within revenues available under the existing tax structure will continue.

There are several items in Senate Bill 52 that are unnecessary in the provision of essential State services for the next biennium. Therefore, by authority granted me by Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I hereby veto those certain items from Senate Bill 52, Acts of the Sixty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session.

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ARTICLE II -

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Austin State Hospital

Item 11 - Construct additional classroom and office space Children's Psychiatric Unit Building No. 637	\$ 251,433	\$
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TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL, CENTRAL OFFICE

Item 4 - Ombudsman Project	18,288	19,366
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TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL BUILDING AND REPAIR PROGRAM

Page II - 64 (Rider)	2,500,000	U. B.
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There is hereby appropriated a sum not to exceed \$2,500,000 to the Texas Youth Council for the biennium beginning September 1, 1975 out of unobligated balances as of August 31, 1975 in appropriations made by House Bill No. 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, to the Youth Council (excluding balances in the Youth Council Building and Repair Program) to construct and operate two regional centers, not to exceed 48 beds each, to be located in El Paso and Cameron Counties. The funds appropriated above shall not be used to purchase land. The cost of constructing and equipping each regional center shall not exceed \$825,000.

ARTICLE III -

AIR CONTROL BOARD

Item 2f - Contingency for Workload Increase	136,652	140,616
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COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Item 1c - Contingency for Workload Increase	18,792	20,076
Item 3a - Project Development	315,202	346,430
Item 3b - Contingency for Workload Increase	30,324	31,344
Item 4a - Services to Citizens and Communities	7,412	7,412
Item 4b - Contingency for Workload Increases	12,816	13,692

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STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

Item 5b - Construction of two parking garages
estimated to accommodate 1,670 cars
(Project No. PA-309-2)

\$2,250,000

\$3,482,024
+ U. B.

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL

Item 6 - Construct Services Building in Capitol
Complex Area

1,241,503

U. B.

COMMISSION FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

Item 16 - For Lease of State-owned Land

1,500

1,500

GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD

Item 3d - Resource Planning

309,966

285,638

Item 4c - Field Operations

345,993

278,156

BOARD OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT ROAD INDEBTEDNESS

Item 1 - Director

26,200

28,000

Item 2 - Assistant Director

25,700

27,400

Item 3 - Salaries of Classified Positions

69,768

75,694

Item 4 - Merit Salary Increases

1,186

1,287

Item 5 - Consumable supplies and materials
current and recurring operating
expenses, and capital outlay

6,974

6,974

ARTICLE IV

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

Item 9a - Partial Renovation of College Hall

250,000

Item 9b - Renovate Aeronautical Engineering Building

128,165

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System
is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of
its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or

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other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas at Arlington:

- (1) Alterations and Additions to Student Center Building
- (2) Conference Center
- (3) Architecture Building
- (4) Alterations and Addition to the Library
- (5) Repair and Rehabilitation of College Hall
- (6) Repair and Rehabilitation of the Business Life Science Building
- (7) Repair and Rehabilitation of the Science Building
- (8) Acquisition of Portions of Block 3, Lots 23 and 24 in College Hills Addition in the City of Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas

\$ \$

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Item 10n - Clinical Pharmacy Program

152,487

212,130

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- (1) Alterations and Additions to Law School
- (2) Engineering Teaching Center II
- (3) Alterations and Additions to Pharmacy Building
- (4) Waller Creek Site Development
- (5) Art Museum and Performing Arts Center
- (6) Alterations and Additions to Architecture Building
- (7) Repair and Rehabilitation of Main Building
- (8) Repair and Rehabilitation of Sutton Hall
- (9) Expansion of Surface Parking Facilities
- (10) Auditorium Facility - Port Aransas
- (11) Alterations and Additions to Marine Science Facilities at Galveston
- (12) Inner Campus Transit Facility
- (13) Physical Plant Expansion - McDonald Observatory
- (14) Visitors' Center - McDonald Observatory
- (15) Expansion of Tennis Courts

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Item 8a - Conversion of Utility Building into classroom/office space	\$ 135,000	\$
Item 9a - Regional Computer Center	431,729	579,017

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- (1) Conference Center
- (2) Physical Plant Building
- (3) Surface Parking Facilities
- (4) Management Sciences Building
- (5) Applied Science Building
- (6) General Classroom and Administration Building
- (7) Physical Education Facilities
- (8) Expansion of Utility System
- (9) Central Receiving and Warehouse Facility
- (10) Fine Arts Building
- (11) Repair and Rehabilitation of Founders Building

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Item 10a - Renovate Cotton Memorial Building

Item 10b - Renovate Centennial Museum

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas at El Paso:

- (1) Alterations and Additions to the Library
- (2) Repair and Rehabilitation of Women's Gymnasium
- (3) Expansion of Utility System
- (4) Alterations and Additions to the Administration Building

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN

Item 7a - Teaching Equipment	\$ 150,000	\$ U. B.
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- (1) Library and Administration Building

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas at San Antonio:

- (1) Addition to the Science Building
- (2) Addition to the Business Administration Building
- (3) General Classroom and Office Building
- (4) Addition to the Fine Arts Building
- (5) Utility System Expansion and Site Development

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in

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whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas:

- (1) Ambulatory Care Center
- (2) Allied Health Sciences Building
- (3) Alteration and Expansion of Student Union Building
- (4) Alteration and Expansion of Physical Plant Buildings
- (5) Parking Garage and Surface Parking Facilities
- (6) Repair and Rehabilitation of Danciger Building
- (7) Animal Farm Buildings
- (8) Acquisition of Animal Farm Site not to exceed 150 acres in Dallas County, Texas

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston:

- (1) Out-Patient Ambulatory Care Building
- (2) Alterations and Additions to Animal Facilities
- (3) Auditorium and Continuing Education Center
- (4) Physical Plant and Print Shop Building
- (5) Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Facilities located on Block No. 677, City of Galveston, Texas
- (6) Expansion of Utility System
- (7) Repair and Rehabilitation of the John Sealy and Children's Hospitals
- (8) Nursing School Building
- (9) Allied Health Sciences Building
- (10) Alterations and Additions to Basic Science Teaching and Research Facilities
- (11) Repair and Rehabilitation of Ashbel Smith Building
- (12) Parking Garage and Surface Parking Facilities
- (13) Alterations and Additions to Physical Fitness Center

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

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- (1) Dental Science Research Building
- (2) Physical Plant Shops and Warehouse
- (3) Central Services Building
- (4) Alterations and Additions to Speech and Hearing Building
- (5) Experimental Animal Building
- (6) Alterations and Renovation of Administrative Offices

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 11 - Renovation of Auditorium Lower Level

697,480

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- (1) Alterations and Additions to Medical School
- (2) Alterations and Additions to Physical Plant Building
- (3) Alterations and Additions to Animal Facilities
- (4) Allied Health Sciences Building

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- (5) Parking Garage and Surface Parking Facilities
- (6) Ambulatory Care Facility
- (7) Repair and Rehabilitation of Medical School Basement
- (8) Cafeteria and Student Center

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM CANCER CENTER

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized: (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas System Cancer Center:

- (1) Physical Plant Shops and Warehouse
- (2) High Linear Energy Transfer Generating Facility

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized: (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for The University of Texas System School of Nursing:

- (1) Nursing School Building at Fort Worth
- (2) Nursing School Building at Galveston
- (3) Alterations for Classrooms and Teaching Laboratories at Houston

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University System is hereby authorized to accept grants, donations, gifts, and matching funds from federal and state agencies, and to expend such amount of its Permanent University Fund bond proceeds as may be necessary for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and furnishing any one or more of the following:

- (1) Research and Extension Center facility at Amarillo
- (2) Field Laboratory and Office at Bushland
- (3) Horticulture Laboratory and Outbuildings at Stephenville Research and Extension Center
- (4) Livestock facilities at McGregor Research and Extension Center
- (5) Auditorium and office facilities at Overton Research and Extension Center
- (6) Office, conference space, and laboratory expansion at Lubbock
- (7) Plantation Farm headquarters at College Station
- (8) Office-laboratory-classroom building at Renner Center, Dallas
- (9) Seedling processing facility at Indian Mound Nursery, Texas Forest Service
- (10) Tree-potting facility and greenhouse at Lubbock, Texas Forest Service
- (11) Motor fire apparatus station and classrooms for firemen training
- (12) Phase I of Texas Engineering Extension Service Complex.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10d - Honeywell Ranch	\$ 50,000	\$
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TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Item 7c - Renovate Physical Plant Building	27,500	
Item 7d - Renovate Field House		20,427
Item 7e - Replace air conditioning in Faculty Center and Administration Building	120,000	U.B.

TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT KINGSVILLE

Item 10d - Mass Communications Media Program	111,500	123,800
Item 11a - Renovate Nieman Hall	759,259	

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TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT LAREDO		
Item 7a - Institute for International Trade	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of East Texas State University is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Constitutional Ad Valorem Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for East Texas State University:

- (1) Repair and Rehabilitation of Henderson and Binion Halls,
- (2) Performing Arts Center,
- (3) Agriculture-Industrial Technology Building,
- (4) Creative Arts Complex,
- (5) Physical Education Building,
- (6) Library Addition; and
- (7) Commuter Program Center.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Item 10e - Clinical Pharmacy Program	90,400	94,900
Item 11b - Remodel Downtown College to comply with safety standards	230,000	

The Board of Regents of the University of Houston is hereby authorized to accept grants, donations, gifts and matching grants from Federal and State agencies, and to expend bond proceeds and funds available to it under Section 17 of Article 7, Texas Constitution, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping and furnishing any one or more of the following buildings or projects at the University of Houston main and downtown campuses:

- (1) Central Plant expansion
- (2) Central campus lecture hall addition
- (3) Office Annex
- (4) Science and research unit two, steps one and two
- (5) Library expansion, steps one and two
- (6) Humanities building, steps one and two
- (7) Technology building, steps one and two

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(8) Law school expansion, teaching unit and parking facilities	\$	\$
(9) Optometry buildings		
(10) Computing center		
(11) High-energy electromicroscope building		
(12) Fine Arts building, unit two		
(13) Cullen Boulevard Plaza		
(14) Dormitory quadrangle facilities		
(15) Parking lot expansion and lighting		
(16) Architecture/Fine Arts facility		
(17) Engineering addition		
(18) Utilities expansion		
(19) Acquisition, equipping and modernization of downtown campus building and parking facilities and construction at such campus.		

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY

Item 7a - Texas Department of Corrections
 Instructional Project

Item 7c - Planning Funds

The Board of Regents of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City is hereby authorized to accept grants, donations, gifts and matching grants from Federal and State agencies, and to expend bond proceeds and funds available under Section 17, Article 7, Texas Constitution, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and furnishing any one or more of the following buildings or projects at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City:

- (1) Site work and completion, part two
- (2) Physical plant facility, central plant, administrative office, classroom, lab, office and supportive facility
- (3) Physical education facility.

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10g - Center for Behavioral Studies	49,900	51,800
Item 10h - Institute for Environmental Studies	124,300	136,500
Item 10i - Genetic Screening and Counseling	88,600	89,990

PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Item 9c - Learning Resource Center equipment	500,000	U.B.
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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of Stephen F. Austin State University is hereby authorized (1) to expend such amounts of its Constitutional Ad Valorem Tax Fund bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available moneys as may be necessary to fund one or more of the following projects either in whole or in part, (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund any one or more of such projects either in whole or in part, and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish any one or more of such projects for Stephen F. Austin State University:

- (1) Theater for the Performing Arts
- (2) Expansion of Campus Drainage Systems
- (3) Renovation of Fine Arts Building
- (4) Library Books
- (5) Addition to Music Building

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Item 10g - Institute for Energy Research	225,000	250,000
Item 10h - Efficient Beef Production Research	150,000	150,000
Item 10i - Instructional Capital Equipment	100,000	U.B.
Item 11b - Renovate Social Science Building	403,218	

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT LUBBOCK

Item 15 - School of Pharmacy	135,456	190,209
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TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Item 11b - Rehabilitate Old Main Building	801,500	
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TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Item 8b - Library Building (Part A)	3,715,997	U.B.
Item 9a - Expenses for moving from temporary to permanent facilities	15,000	

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WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY		
Item 9e - Fine Arts Equipment	\$ 35,000	
Item 9g - Kilgore Research Center - Research Projects	50,000	50,000
Item 10b - Renovation of Old Administration Building	290,000	
Item 10c - Renovate Student Union and Health Building	106,358	

PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Item 3 - For construction of a two-level connecting tunnel between the main Museum and Museum Annex	380,000	U.B.
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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents for the State Senior Colleges is hereby authorized to accept grants, donations, gifts and matching grants from Federal and State agencies, and to expend bond proceeds and funds available to it under Section 17 of Article 7, Texas Constitution, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, altering, repairing, equipping and furnishing any one or more of the following buildings or projects on the Sam Houston State University Campus:

Central Air Conditioning Plant,
Water Distribution System,
Industrial Education and Technology Building,
Education Building,
Sam Houston's Home, Law Offices, and Steamboat,
House on the Sam Houston Museum Grounds.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 11a - Renovate Evans Academic Center	<u>512,384</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$19,696,218</u>	<u>\$7,348,382</u>

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE II

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Austin State Hospital

Item 11 -

This item was not requested by the Department nor recommended by me. Additionally, there presently exists adequate office space for these personnel. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL, CENTRAL OFFICE

Item 4 -

The Texas Youth Council has experienced some profound difficulties in the last two years. However, the Council has been reorganized and expanded, some outmoded concepts of institutional administration have been abandoned, and several new resources are made available in this bill. I am confident that the new direction in which the Council is moving will obviate the necessity for the Ombudsman Project. However, should the Council ultimately determine that the project is absolutely necessary, there should be sufficient funds within the General Administration appropriation included in this bill to fund this project. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS YOUTH COUNCIL BUILDING AND REPAIR PROGRAM

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The Texas Youth Council will begin, in the upcoming biennium, to seriously explore and utilize alternatives to institutionalization. This bill provides \$9,000,000 in general revenue funds for the implementation of a new alternate care program to serve, in community programs, delinquents committed to the Council and other "pre-delinquent" youth. From these funds, the Youth Council will provide direct and indirect services to more than 7,000 youth. At this time, the Council cannot determine the impact these programs will have on the need for the type of facilities contemplated by the appropriation contained in this rider. Therefore, with this new program element available to the Council, it would be imprudent to expand the institutional capacity at this time.

There are other factors to be considered. It is questionable, based on the information available, that the two projects could be constructed within the limits included in the rider. Therefore, it is highly probable that even more funds would be required in the next biennium to complete the projects. For these reasons, I am vetoing this appropriation.

ARTICLE III

AIR CONTROL BOARD

Item 2f -

After carefully reviewing the several items of appropriations to the Air Control Board, it is my opinion that sufficient funds are included in these items of appropriations to enable the Air Control Board to accomplish its objectives with regard to applicable state and federal laws. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

ARTICLE III (continued)

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Item 1c -

With the veto of the Project Development Program and the Services to Citizens and Communities Program, the need for a contingency appropriation for central administration is obviated. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Items 3a and 3b -

In my opinion the broad range of projects contemplated in this program are not absolutely necessary in fulfilling the State's responsibility of providing essential services to the citizens of Texas. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

Items 4a and 4b -

These items provide for the coordination of communication among arts and humanities organizations and for research on information inquiries. In my opinion, sufficient funds are available in the central administration program to provide these services. For this reason, I am vetoing these items.

STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

Item 5b -

House Bill 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, appropriated funds for the construction of two parking garages for State employees officed in the Capitol complex area. Before additional parking garages are constructed, a study should be made to explore other transportation alternatives for State employees to utilize in travelling to and from work in the Capitol complex area. I have previously encouraged State employees to utilize car pooling when possible. Further, I have signed two bills that seek to improve the public mass transportation system of this State. Hopefully, state and federal funding of public mass transportation will assist in meeting transportation needs in the Austin area. The postponement of this construction should provide sufficient time to determine the feasibility and necessity of adding additional parking garages in the Capitol complex area. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

STATE BOARD OF CONTROL

Item 6 -

The Board of Control has provided centralized services to state agencies for a number of years. In my opinion, the construction of a services building is not absolutely necessary at this time for the Board of Control to continue serving state agencies. Also, I do not consider this project of sufficient priority compared with other competing demands for the tax dollar. However, this project should be reevaluated during the next budgetary process. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

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ARTICLE III (continued)

COMMISSION FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

Item 16 -

Funds for this item were not requested by the Commission, nor were they recommended by the Legislative Budget Board or me. The funds were not included in any version of the appropriations bill, except the final version.

The use of this State property has yet to be clearly defined. If the Commission determines that leasing this State property is necessary, adequate appropriations are available for this purpose. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD

Items 3d and 4c -

Appropriations contained in Senate Bill 52 for the General Land Office represent a substantial increase in funding over the current biennium. In my opinion, the duties and responsibilities of this agency can be met without funding the Resource Planning and Field Operations activities. Sufficient funds are contained in the other items of appropriation for these purposes. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

BOARD OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT ROAD INDEBTEDNESS

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 -

The Board of County and District Road Indebtedness was created to reimburse counties and road districts of Texas for a portion of the funds expended by them on roads designated as State Highways prior to January 2, 1939. The Commission also administers the Lateral Road Fund and performs as a paying agent, duplicating a responsibility of the State Treasurer, on eligible and ineligible county bonds. Continued funding for the administrative duties of the Board was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board.

In my opinion the administrative functions of the Board should be absorbed by one or more of the agencies of the three board members. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

ARTICLE IV

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

Item 9a -

This rehabilitation project was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. The House, Senate, and Conference Committee versions of the appropriations bill provided approximately one-half of the funds requested by the University for renovation. It is uncertain if the funds provided would allow the renovation requested. In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 9b -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Item 10n -

This special item appropriation constitutes a supplemental appropriation for the pharmacy instructional program. Conclusive data is not available regarding the actual instructional costs associated with this concept and thus the Coordinating Board has not developed a formula recommendation for this program area. Further analysis is necessary before funding patterns are established for this program. Sufficient funds should be available in the other items of appropriation to fund this program during the 1976-1977 biennium and a special item appropriation is therefore unnecessary. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Item 8a -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9a -

The University of Texas at Arlington, The University of Texas at Dallas, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas share jointly in the utilization of computer facilities available within that immediate geographic area. Costs allocated to The University of Texas at Arlington are funded through regular items of appropriation. Senate Bill 52 provides a line item appropriation to the Health Science Center for the costs associated with computer utilization at the medical school. Provision is not made in the other items of appropriation for the computer costs associated with the programs of the Health Science Center. Computer costs at The University of Texas at Dallas should be adequately funded through the regular items of appropriation, which is the same method of funding for these costs at The University of Texas at Arlington. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Items 10a and 10b -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of these projects for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

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ARTICLE IV (continued)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN

Item 7a -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. Past appropriations and appropriations provided in Senate Bill 52 should meet the essential instructional equipment needs of the institution. Therefore, in my opinion, this appropriation would constitute an unnecessary expenditure of state funds, and the deletion of this appropriation should not detract from the educational programs of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

Item 11 -

House Bill 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, appropriated \$2,000,000 for building expansion of the clinical and basic science units. Additionally, Senate Bill 52 contains an appropriation of \$14,964,758 for continued construction at the Health Science Center. With the completion of this construction program, the major facility needs of the Health Science Center will have been met. In my opinion, the renovation of space in the lower level of the auditorium is not absolutely necessary at this time and this item can be deleted without detracting from the quality of the educational programs offered at the Health Science Center. Future space needs can then be evaluated with regard to projected increases in enrollment during the next budgetary process. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 10d -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. Senate Bill 52 provides \$673,107 for three major repair and rehabilitation projects that are of a higher priority than this particular project. In my opinion, these three repair and rehabilitation projects will adequately meet the needed facility improvements of the University during the 1976-1977 biennium. During the next budgetary process, further consideration can be given to the relationship between the programs offered at the Honeywell Ranch and any facility improvements that may be needed. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Items 7c, 7d and 7e -

Senate Bill 52 provides \$12,367,039 for the construction and equipping of a library building, two classroom buildings, and a physical plant building. Additionally, appropriations totalling \$744,000 are provided for two necessary major repair and rehabilitation projects. With the completion of this authorized construction and repair program, adequate facilities should be available to serve the projected student enrollment of the University. The deletion of these items should not detract from the quality of educational offerings. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

ARTICLE IV (continued)

TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT KINGSVILLE

Item 10d -

In my opinion, sufficient funds should be provided in the other items of appropriation to provide the services authorized by this special item appropriation. Thus, deletion of this item should not have a deleterious effect on the overall educational programs of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11a -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY AT LAREDO

Item 7a -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. Sufficient funds are provided in Senate Bill 52 to allow the University to provide the needed educational offerings for the student enrollment projected for the biennium. In my opinion, this special item appropriation constitutes a supplemental appropriation that is not absolutely necessary with regard to the basic programs offered by the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Item 10e -

This special item appropriation constitutes a supplemental appropriation for the pharmacy instructional program. Conclusive data is not available regarding the actual instructional costs associated with this concept and thus the Coordinating Board has not developed a formula recommendation for this program area. Further analysis is necessary before funding patterns are established for this program. Sufficient funds should be available in the other items of appropriation to fund this program during the 1976-1977 biennium and a special item appropriation is therefore unnecessary. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11b -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY

Item 7a -

The Department of Corrections presently contracts with Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, and the University of Houston at Clear Lake City for the educational needs of those inmates pursuing a bachelor's degree. Contracts with five public junior colleges provide inmates with adequate opportunity to pursue an associate degree. Under these contracts, the Department of Corrections generally pays for tuition, student fees, books, and the travel expenses of the faculty involved. Facilities are furnished by the Department of Corrections. In my opinion, sufficient funds are included in Senate Bill 52 in the regular items of appropriation to the University of Houston at Clear Lake City to allow the University to continue to provide these educational services to inmates of the Department of Corrections. Senate Bill 52 does not provide special item appropriations for the other institutions engaged in this educational program. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 7c -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. House Bill 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, provided a biennial appropriation of \$3,465,790 "for equipment, maintenance, salaries, and other expenses relating to planning and operations." In my opinion, any further planning requirements associated with the continuing growth of the University can be accommodated within the appropriations authorized in Senate Bill 52 for the University of Houston and the University of Houston at Clear Lake City. Coupled with appropriations previously made for this same purpose, I find no justification for this supplemental appropriation. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Items 10g, 10h and 10i -

These items were not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. Sufficient funds are included in the appropriations for organized research and other items of appropriations to serve the purposes authorized by these special items, if it is determined that such funding is absolutely necessary. By proper utilization of the funds appropriated for organized research, and other items of appropriations, meritorious research proposals may be funded. The studies contemplated by these projects should be subjected to internal review procedures of the University in competition with other research proposals for the funds appropriated. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Item 9c -

In my opinion, these equipment needs should be met through the regular formula item appropriations. Deletion of this item should not have a deleterious effect on the educational offerings of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Items 10g and 10h -

Sufficient funds are included in the appropriations for organized research and other items of appropriations to serve the purposes authorized by these special items, if it is determined that such funding is absolutely necessary. By proper utilization of the funds appropriated for organized research, and other items of appropriations, meritorious research proposals may be funded. The studies contemplated by these projects should be subjected to internal review procedures of the University in competition with other research proposals for the funds appropriated. For these reasons, I am vetoing these items.

Item 10i -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, these equipment needs should be met through the regular formula item appropriations. Deletion of this item should not have a deleterious effect on the educational offerings of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 11b -

This rehabilitation project was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board. In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT LUBBOCK

Item 15 -

In my opinion, adequate need has not been demonstrated that would justify the funding of a new pharmacy school. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

Item 11b -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the Senate version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

TEXAS EASTERN UNIVERSITY

Item 8b -

House Bill 139, Acts of the Sixty-third Legislature, Regular Session, provided a biennial appropriation of \$9,130,962 "for construction site development, capital outlay and architectural and engineering fees and services." In addition to these construction projects, Senate Bill 52 provides \$3,041,947 for completion of the School of Science and Mathematics Building and \$3,235,701 for a School of Business Building. With the authorization of these two buildings and the completion of the construction program authorized by the Sixty-third Legislature, adequate facilities should be available to meet the projected student enrollment at Texas Eastern University. Future space needs of this upper level institution can then be evaluated during the next budgetary process. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

ARTICLE IV (continued)

Item 9a -

Sufficient funds are available in other items of appropriation for this purpose. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

WEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 9e -

In my opinion, these equipment needs should be met through the regular formula item appropriations. Deletion of this item should not have a deleterious effect on the educational offerings of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Item 9g -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. Senate Bill 52 provides a biennial appropriation of \$222,277 for the regular programs of the Kilgore Research Center. Further, appropriations are also provided in Senate Bill 52 for organized research at West Texas State University. In my opinion, this appropriation is unnecessary because sufficient funds are included in other items of appropriations to meet the essential research needs of the University. For these reasons, I am vetoing this item.

Items 10b and 10c -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of these projects for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing these items.

PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Item 3 -

This item was not recommended by me or the Legislative Budget Board and was not included in the House version of the appropriations bill. In my opinion, this appropriation is not a high priority and can be deleted without affecting the basic operations of the Museum. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 11a -

In my opinion, adequate instructional facilities are available at the institution to meet essential educational needs. The deletion of this project for the 1976-1977 biennium should not adversely affect the educational programs of the University. Therefore, I am vetoing this item.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14) and (15); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO, items (1), (2), (3) and (4); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN, item (1); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO, items (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT DALLAS, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM CANCER CENTER, items (1) and (2); THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM SCHOOL OF NURSING, items (1), (2) and (3); TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12); EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7); UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18) and (19); UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON AT CLEAR LAKE CITY, items (1), (2) and (3); STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY, items (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5); and SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Central Air Conditioning Plant, Water Distribution System, Industrial Education and Technology Building, Education Building, Sam Houston's Home, Law Offices, and Steamboat and House on the Sam Houston Museum Grounds.

I am vetoing the above listed items for the following reasons:

1. They are contrary to the spirit and letter of the Coordinating Board Bill which was designed to bring order out of chaos in the proliferating building construction and runaway programming at our institutions of higher education.

2. They amount to a blank check and an unlimited shopping list. Texas' higher education presently has an outstanding indebtedness of more than \$1.5 billion. This squandering of the tax payers money without coordination, guidance, need or direction has to stop.

3. They were inserted in the appropriations process without any notice, public hearing or presentation of the facts.

4. They are contrary to the stated will of the overwhelming majority of both Houses of the Legislature, demanding fiscal responsibility and prudent management of the tax payers dollars in construction in higher education.

5. There is one item which reads "Acquisition, equipping and modernizing of downtown campus building and parking facilities and construction at such campus," which language is so broad that the cost to the State could well be one billion dollars or more.

6. The total cost of higher education has increased in the past 10 years from \$164 million to \$782 million for a 376 percent increase and unless the State obtains a coordinated policy in all facets of higher education such rampant costs will bankrupt the State.

S. B. 706, commonly known as the Coordinating Board Bill, was passed to strengthen the Coordinating Board in many areas, including new construction and rehabilitation of buildings. The bill in essence stated that the Board would approve or disapprove construction projects except on any "construction project that is specifically approved by the Legislature." S. B. 706 was passed overwhelmingly by both Houses and has been signed into law, effective immediately.

OBJECTIONS TO ITEMS AND REASONS FOR VETO

In S.C.R. 109, a resolution directed to the Conference Committee considering the Appropriations Bill, an amendment was adopted which reads as follows:

"Sec. 47. Notwithstanding the specific listing of approval of facilities construction projects following appropriations to various component units of The University of Texas System, the Texas A&M University System, East Texas State University, University of Houston, Sam Houston State University and Stephen F. Austin State University, such listings shall not constitute approval by the Legislature as contemplated by Senate Bill 706, Sixty-fourth Legislature."

This amendment was adopted overwhelmingly by the House and the Senate. The Appropriations Bill Conference Committee in the waning hours of the Session chose not to include this amendment in the Conference Report. This action was contrary to the overwhelming majority vote of both Houses.

After the Appropriations Bill was passed, I was presented with a petition signed by 81 members of the House of Representatives urging me to veto these construction projects, the original of which is attached and incorporated herein.

Under the provisions of S. B. 706 those institutions of higher education which do not wish to go before the Coordinating Board have the alternative of going before the Legislature and receiving specific approval for construction projects after an open and fair public hearing on the matter. But there were no open public hearings on these construction projects.

The manner in which a few institutions clearly tried to circumvent the purpose of S. B. 706 by listing indefinite and ill defined construction projects is discriminatory and unfair to the other State-supported institutions that chose not to circumvent the letter of the law by having generalized building projects listed.

I call upon the governing boards of the institutions of higher education to comply with the provisions of S. B. 706, Acts of the Sixty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, by submitting meritorious construction and major repair and rehabilitation projects to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System for approval.

Senate Bill 52 was received in the Governor's Office less than ten (10) days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 64th Legislature and, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas, this Bill, together with this Proclamation, is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

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